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The House met at 12:30 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MCGOVERN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 22, 2007.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES P. MCGOVERN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2007, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 30 minutes and each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, limited to 5 minutes.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess until 2 p.m.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JACKSON of Illinois) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer:

This weekend, Lord, made it possible to draw in deeply the fresh breath of autumn's air and notice the slight hesitancy in the season's coloring.

Let Your grace now burst forth upon this Nation. Set us on fire with compassionate love and a zeal for justice.

With violence, oppression, poverty and unfaithfulness all around us, we cannot, we will not lose sight of Your kingdom and its values. Enkindle within government and the people of this Nation a deep desire for what are lasting values and for what leads to the common good of us all.

Shake from us weak commitments and indifference that, as Your people, we may prove ourselves as colorful as the picturesque forest in sowing seeds of freedom and giving You glory now and forever. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PASCRELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

GRATITUDE FOR THE VIRGIN ISLANDS NATIONAL GUARD

(Mrs. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome the 26 men and women of the 786th Quartermaster Battalion led by battalion commander LTC Michael McDonald back home to the Virgin Islands. It was an emotional homecoming yesterday after 14 long months, as all honored the memory of McDonald's cousin, LTC David Canegata III, and MSG Floyd Lake, who died when their Black Hawk helicopter was shot down in Iraq in January. Just last week I joined the families at the interment in Arlington Cemetery of the commingled remains of the 12 men and women who were lost that day.

MSG Hillis Benjamin, speaking for her fellow soldiers, summed up that running the base in Taji and making sure the troops were fully supplied had been a long, hard deployment for the battalion, and Commander McDonald thanked the soldiers for their "professionalism, commitment and patriotism," attributing their success to their working together as a strong team.

Mr. Speaker, I join my community in thanking God for their safe return and pray for the safe return of all of the members of the VI National Guard and all the other brave men and women who are serving today in Iraq and Afghanistan.

In fact, Mr. Speaker, it is time to begin to bring all of the troops in Iraq home.

CONGRATULATING LOUISIANA GOVERNOR-ELECT BOBBY JINDAL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our colleague, BOBBY JINDAL, who on Saturday was elected to serve as the

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next Governor for the State of Louisiana. Republican Governor-elect JINDAL successfully defeated 11 opponents to become the youngest sitting Governor in America.

The son of immigrants, BOBBY has built a reputation as a hard worker and dedicated public servant. As a fellow Member of Congress, I have had the opportunity to work with BOBBY. I know from his representation here in Washington and his years of service to the citizens of his State that the people of Louisiana have elected a strong leader.

I want to congratulate BOBBY; his wife, Supriya; his dedicated staff; and his entire family for this wonderful victory. As Republican cochair of the Congressional Caucus on India and Indian Americans and a strong supporter of the Indian American community, I am grateful for BOBBY's success and praise him for being the first Indian-American Governor in our Nation's history.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 18, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 18, 2007, at 5:53 p.m.:

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 182.
That the Senate passed with an amendment and requests a conference with the House, appoints conferees, H.R. 3093.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 19, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on October 19, 2007, at 9:39 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 222.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 1284.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 51.
That the Senate passed S. 2206.
That the Senate passed S. 1839.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 19, 2007.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 19, 2007, at 2:41 p.m. and said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits to the Congress an Executive Order, with an annex attached, he has issued with respect to Burma.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LORRAINE C. MILLER,
Clerk of the House.

BLOCKING PROPERTY AND PROHIBITING CERTAIN TRANSACTIONS RELATED TO BURMA—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 110-66)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, without objection, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), I hereby report that I have issued an Executive Order (the "Order") that expands the scope of the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13047 of May 20, 1997, and takes additional steps with respect to that national emergency.

In 1997, the United States put in place a prohibition on new investment in Burma in response to the Government of Burma's large-scale repression of the democratic opposition in that country. On July 28, 2003, those sanctions were expanded by steps taken in Executive Order 13310, which contained prohibitions implementing sections 3 and 4 of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Public Law 108-61) and supplemented that Act with additional restrictions. I have now determined that the Government of Burma's continued repression of the democratic opposition in Burma, manifested most recently in the violent response to peaceful demonstrations, the commission of human rights abuses related to political repression, and engagement in public corruption, including by diverting or misusing Burmese public assets

or by misusing public authority, warrant an expansion of the existing sanctions.

The order incorporates existing designation criteria set forth in Executive Order 13310, authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to designate any person determined to be a senior official of the Government of Burma, the State Peace and Development Council of Burma, the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Burma, or any successor entity to any of the foregoing. The order blocks the property and interests in property in the United States of persons listed in the Annex to the order and provides additional criteria for designations of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, to be responsible for, or to have participated in, human rights abuses related to political repression in Burma; to be engaged, or to have engaged, in activities facilitating public corruption by senior officials of the Government of Burma; to have materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, logistical, or technical support for, or goods or services in support of, the Government of Burma, the State Peace and Development Council of Burma, the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Burma, any successor entity to any of the foregoing, any senior official of any of the foregoing, or any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13310 or section 1(b)(i)-(v) of the order; to be owned or controlled by, or to have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13310 or section 1(b)(i)-(v) of the order; or to be a spouse or dependent child of any person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the order or Executive Order 13310.

The order leaves in place the existing prohibitions on new investment, the exportation or reexportation to Burma of financial services, and the importation of any article that is a product of Burma, which were put into effect in Executive Order 13047 and Executive Order 13310.

I delegated to the Secretary of the Treasury, after consultation with the Secretary of State, the authority to take such actions, including the promulgation of rules and regulations, and to employ all powers granted to the President by IEEPA and section 4 of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of the order.

I am enclosing a copy of the Executive Order I have issued.

GEORGE W. BUSH.
THE WHITE HOUSE, October 18, 2007.

IMMIGRATION

(Mrs. BLACKBURN asked and was given permission to address the House